Bangladeshi infiltrators are illegaliy living in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether a very large number of Bangladeshi infiltrators are illegally living in the capital also; and

(c) the concrete steps taken or proposed to be taken to identify and deport such infiltrators from Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are aware that Bangladeshi infiltrators have managed to sneak into places like Delhi and other metropolitan cities.

(c) Powers under the Foreigners Act, 1946 to identity, detect and deport foreign nationals residing illegally in various parts of the country have been delegated to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Instructions have been issued to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to intensify efforts to identify and deport such foreign nationals and also to sensitise the local population about the magnitude and seriousness of the problem.

**Freedom Fighters/POW's Pensions**

2412. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of cases regarding grant of freedom fighter's pension/ POW's pensions are pending with Government for the long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also aware of a number of representations submitted by the MPs in respect of the persons belonging to the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh during the period from February, 1995 till date; and

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any action thereon and the reasons for the delay if any, and by when all these cases would be settled and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) As on 30.6.1997, only 49 fresh applications received recently from the following States for grant of freedom fighters' Pension were pending with Government:—

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| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 21 |
| 2. Bihar | 1 |
| 3. Haryana | 1 |
| 4. Himachal Pradesh | 1 |
| 5. Karnataka | 8 |
| 6. Maharashtra | 6 |
| 7. Rajasthan | 2 |
| 8. Uttar Pradesh | 9 |
| Total | 49 |

No application received from ex-INA personnel, covered by the Swatantrate Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 is pending.

(c) and (d) During the period from 1.2.1995 to till date, 16 references have been received from the Members of Parliament in respect of pension cases of the persons belonging to hill districts of Uttar Pradesh. Out of these, 9 references have been disposed and the rest are under consideration. These will be disposed expeditiously.